

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation: Forensic Science Technicians (19-4092)**

**Associated Occupation: Chemists (19-2031)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
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0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 66

**Focus Occupation: Forensic Science Technicians (19-4092)**

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Chemistry	4.8	21.8	13.1	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Mathematics	9.2	17.0	10.0	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Computers and Electronics	8.4	13.6	12.1	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Production and Processing	6.0	11.3	4.5	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Physics	4.3	9.1	6.9	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 77

**Focus Occupation: Forensic Science Technicians (19-4092)**

**Associated Occupation: Chemists (19-2031)**

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Science	4.5	17.3	9.8	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Reading Comprehension	10.7	15.7	13.1	<	A higher skill level may be required
Complex Problem Solving	9.1	12.3	12.6	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Mathematics	6.2	11.4	8.5	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 89			
Focus Occupation: Forensic Science Technicians (19-4092) Associated Occupation: Chemists (19-2031)					
Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Oral Comprehension	12.5	15.9	14.9	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Written Comprehension	11.0	14.9	14.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	13.8	14.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Category Flexibility	9.0	13.6	12.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	13.6	15.1	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Near Vision	11.1	13.5	15.1	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Information Ordering	9.9	12.8	12.9	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	12.2	8.5	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Number Facility	6.3	11.9	8.3	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Flexibility of Closure	7.8	10.7	16.0	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Visual Color Discrimination	6.4	9.6	10.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Memorization	5.6	7.9	6.4	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 84
Focus Occupation: Forensic Science Technicians (19-4092) Associated Occupation: Chemists (19-2031)		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Adhere to safety procedures	12	
Advise governmental or industrial personnel	28	
Analyze chemical experimental, test, or analysis data or findings	69	
Analyze scientific research data or investigative findings	27	
Classify plants, animals, or other natural phenomena	69	
Collect scientific or technical data	30	
Communicate technical information	4	
Conduct analyses or tests of organic compounds	71	
Conduct laboratory research or experiments	57	

Conduct standardized qualitative laboratory analyses	62
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Confer with engineering, technical or manufacturing personnel	25
Confer with scientists	54
Develop or maintain databases	30
Develop tables depicting data	33
Explain complex mathematical information	30
Maintain records, reports, or files	5
Make decisions	24
Operate industrial or nondestructive testing equipment	84
Prepare reports	8
Prepare technical reports or related documentation	22
Record test results, test procedures, or inspection data	48
Understand properties of gases or liquids	78
Use chemical testing or analysis procedures	54
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use government regulations	44
Use hazardous materials information	35
Use interpersonal communication techniques	10
Use knowledge of investigation techniques	16
Use knowledge of metric system	39
Use laboratory equipment	60
Use mathematical or statistical methods to identify or analyze problems	30
Use oral or written communication techniques	1
Use physical science research techniques	68
Use quantitative research methods	35
Use relational database software	26
Use scientific research methodology	21
Use spreadsheet software	18
Use word processing or desktop publishing software	17

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 53

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Cameras	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Indicating and recording instruments	2
Industry specific software	1

Laboratory centrifuges and accessories	13
Laboratory heating and drying equipment	13
Laboratory mixing and stirring and shaking equipment and supplies	19
Laboratory washing and cleaning equipment	35
Light and wave generating and measuring equipment	4
Network applications software	1
Respiratory protection	6
Spectroscopic equipment	10
Temperature and heat measuring instruments	6
Viewing and observing instruments and accessories	4
Weight measuring instruments	7

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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